

National  
Association of  
Lively Families  
(NALF)

### Our Purpose:

...to bring together  
members of Lively  
families of America  
and accomplish  
historical research

### Our Members:

Livelys, descendants  
of Livelys, and their  
spouses

### Our Officers:

John Lively,  
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Vice-President

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Youth Vice-President

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Secretary

Polly Lively &  
Verlinda Brinson,  
Co-Treasurers

Jennifer Lively,  
Communications



# LIVIN' LIVELY

The newsletter of the *National Association of Lively Families*

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## Join Us in Gatlinburg for the 84th Reunion!

Our 2024 NALF Reunion will be held **July 19–21** in Gatlinburg, TN. Come enjoy the Great Smoky Mountains and spend some time with your near and distant kin!

Meetings will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Gatlinburg. (635 River Road, Gatlinburg, TN 37738)

To stay at the Hilton Garden Inn, call **865-436-0048 before June 19**. Block room choices are Double Queen Standard and Single King with Fireplace. Rates are \$189.00 from July 16–18 (before reunion), \$219.00 from July 19–20 (during reunion), and \$189.00 from July 21–23 (after reunion).

Please make reservations as soon as possible. The group name and booking code are **NALF**.

For information about nearby attractions and camping options, visit the reunion page on our website: [livelyfamilies.org/2024-reunion](https://livelyfamilies.org/2024-reunion).

Keep reading for more information about the reunion. We hope to see you there!



# Minutes of the 2023 Annual NALF Reunion

## July 14-16 | Pipestem, West Virginia

*As recorded by Secretary Jane Lively*

### Friday, July 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:47 pm by John Lively, President, after the family spent time hugging the necks of cousins and distant relatives.

The group joined in saying "The Pledge of Allegiance" and in the singing of "America."

John Lively welcomed us to the 83rd gathering of the NALF in Pipestem, WV. George Pack shared points of interest for sight-seeing.

Minutes from 2022 were read. Minutes were approved and accepted as amended.

Jennifer Lively led the group in a time of sharing memories and traditions passed down through the family.

The Communications committee report was given by Jennifer Lively. Motion was made, seconded, and report was accepted.

Emailed newsletters: 119

Mailed newsletters: 154, including 6 to organizations

Total: 273 (only 47 paid dues this year)

Facebook group members: 514

The Treasurer's Report was given by Polly Lively. Motion was made, seconded, and the report was accepted.

General Fund: \$12,713.03

Memorial Fund: \$ 4,689.47

Total: \$17,402.50

The price for storage of the books has increased to \$59 per month. We are still in the process of removing books from storage and giving them free of charge to libraries and family members without them. Help is needed to unload the storage room in Richmond, VA.

The President's Report was given by John Lively.

Housekeeping: Make sure to give Jennifer Lively news for the Lively Newsletter (i.e. graduations, weddings, births, deaths, historical family news).

Make sure to register tonight so that a proper count can be given for breakfast on Sunday.

Old Business: None

New Business: Polly Lively made a motion that dues be changed to \$15 for adult members over 18. The motion received a second and passed.

Committee appointments were as follows:

Resolution: Tonya Lively and Donna Lively

Audit: Gloria Eberhardt and Russell Lively

Reunion: Doug Lively and Don Lively (Waynesboro)

Nominating: Jane Lively

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

### Saturday, July 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Jennifer Lively as the family continued to fellowship.

Genealogy: Brenda Brown shared her experiences with answering questions that arise on email. Discussion followed regarding a need for volunteers to help answer the numerous emails that are sent in.

Historian: Tim Lively is stepping down as Historian. Anyone interested is encouraged to step up. Discussion followed regarding historical artifacts that have been created and sold throughout the years. These artifacts include coins, car tags, stickers, coffee mugs, patches, and t-shirts.

Scholarship: Veronica Lively, daughter of Hugh and Valerie Lively, received the scholarship this year and read her essay to the group.



## 2023 Reunion Continued

The night ended with a family auction conducted by Don Lively (Waynesboro), Doug Lively, and Russell Lively. Items auctioned off were mainly Lively-made items and the money raised profited the family.

### Sunday, July 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by John Lively.

Gloria Eberhart led us in remembering those who have passed on, which included:

John Robert Lively of Ft. Worth, TX	3/2/21
Marilyn Lively Mullins of Lithia Springs, GA	8/5/22
Joseph William Roberts of Charleston, WV	12/3/22
Barbara Lively Unger of Richmond, VA	1/19/23
Sylvia Sue Lively Barton of Rome, GA	3/17/23
Dennis Lively Dickey of Waynesboro, GA	5/12/23
Reba Annette Lively Sartin of Rome, GA	5/13/23
Quartus Urbane Lively, Jr. of Waynesboro, GA	6/26/23
James David Poole of Columbia, SC	6/28/23

Tim Lively asked the blessing and a delicious breakfast was enjoyed by all.

Recognitions included:

Oldest Present: Ron Sigman, 88

Youngest Present: Ethan Repast, 10

Farthest Traveled: The Repast Family from Florida – 858 miles

Committee Reports:

Resolution: Tonya Lively read the NALF Resolution for 2023.

Audit: Russell Lively reported that all was in order concerning the audit of the books.

Reunion: Gatlinburg TN and Fontana Village, NC were presented as reunion locations for 2024. After voting, it was decided to go to Gatlinburg. Our President, John Lively, reserves the right to switch to Fontana if pricing and packaging in Gatlinburg does not meet our needs.

Nominating: Jane Lively made a motion that Verlinda Brinson work as Treasurer in conjunction with Polly Lively. The motion was seconded and passed.

State count: WV – 1, TN – 1, OH – 1, SC – 1, NC – 2, VA – 3, AL – 2, GA – 28, FL – 8 for a total of 47

After gathering in a circle and holding hands, we sang “Blest Be the Tie.”

Don Lively adjourned our reunion with closing prayer. The family gathered outside for a group picture.



*Ron Sigman and Ethan Repast, oldest and youngest present*



*The Repast Family, traveled the farthest*



# General Schedule of the 2024 Reunion

## Friday, July 19

- 4 pm Registration Begins
- 7 pm Officer/Committee Meetings
- 7:30 pm Fellowship and Evening Meeting



## Saturday, July 20

- 8 pm Family Entertainment

*We need your help for Saturday night's entertainment!*

## Sunday, July 21

- 8 am Breakfast Meeting and Memorial
- 9:30 am Group Picture

*Come prepared to tell a story, sing a song, or "show and tell" something related to the family!*

**If any officer or committee member will not be able to attend this year's reunion, please let Jennifer Lively know as soon as possible.**

**Thank you!**



## NALF SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee hopes to award a \$1,000 scholarship this year.

Submissions are due by **June 30**. The recipient will be notified by **July 10**. Ideally, the recipient would be present at the reunion to receive the award, but a video acceptance can be arranged due to the shortened timeframe.

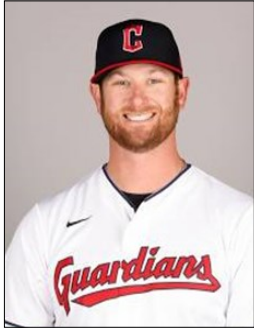
**Instructions:** Write an essay in 500–1000 words on how being a part of the NALF has impacted your life. Document at least three NALF reunions attended in your lifetime. Provide photos if possible. Attach a letter of acceptance from a trade school, technical school, college or university, or graduate school. Show proof of maintaining at least a 2.5 GPA during your most recent school term (high school or college).

Email the essay, photos, acceptance letter, and GPA proof to [livelynewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:livelynewsletter@yahoo.com).

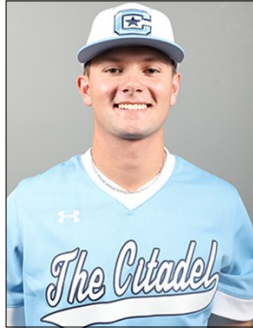
## News & Notes

### LIVELYS IN BASEBALL

It's baseball season again, and there are Livelys on both college and professional fields this year! Keep an eye out for these guys!



Ben Lively, pitcher for the Cleveland Guardians, has previously played for the Philadelphia Phillies, Kansas City Royals, and Cincinnati Reds, and in the KBO League for the Samsung Lions.



Matthew Lively, who plays for The Citadel, earned all-region honors for hitting .368 as a senior at Chapin (SC) High School and was ranked as the No. 3 outfielder in the state by Diamond Prospects.



Mitch Lively is a free agent pitcher who previously played for the Hokkaido Nippon-Ham Fighters of Nippon Professional Baseball and the CTBC Brothers in China.

### LIVELYS OF AMERICA AVAILABLE ON USB!

Get a searchable PDF of *Livelys of America*, including the original book, both supplements, and all new genealogy material received before 2015, for \$20. Send your request with payment to Treasurer Polly Lively today! (mailing address on following page)

The content is the same as the CD.

Also contact Polly if you're interested in a print copy of the second supplement.



**Find the NALF on Facebook!**  
[facebook.com/groups/livelyfamilies](https://facebook.com/groups/livelyfamilies)



As families throughout the US celebrate graduations this month, we want to acknowledge two special high school graduates in our "NALF family."

Wyatt Blankenship, son of Brandon and Jenny Blankenship, and grandson of Russell and Tonya Lively, all of Ringgold, GA, is pictured above.

Brandon Lively, son of Brent and Diann Lively, and grandson of Tim and Polly Lively, all of Waynesboro, GA, is pictured below.

Congratulations, fellas!





# Do you know the way to ... Lively?!

Did you know there are at least 5 cities or towns named Lively in America and 1 in Canada?

Lively, West Virginia

Lively, Virginia

Lively, Texas

Lively, Tennessee

Lively, Missouri

Lively, Ontario Canada

And there are countless streets throughout the United States that carry our name! Have you seen any of these?



Lively, Virginia



Lively Grove Community in Illinois



Lively Street in Augusta, Georgia



Claxton-Lively Road in Burke County, GA



Lively Lane in Dallas, Texas

## Have You Paid Your Dues?

Dues are \$15 per adult (18 or older). Funds assist in the NALF's genealogy and communication efforts.

Send your check and information to:

Polly Lively, NALF Treasurer  
411 Claxton-Lively Road  
Waynesboro, GA 30830

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